

**AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims below by deleting items marked with a strikeout (i.e. ~~patent~~) or brackets (i.e., [patent]) and adding items marked with an underline (i.e. patent).

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) A food dispenser comprising:

an enclosed container comprising a top portion, a base portion and a central portion intermediately therebetween, said top portion comprising a selectively openable and returnably resilient aperture for insertion and removal of food;

said top portion comprising a perimeter encircling a concavity, said concavity housing said aperture;

a plurality of ribs positioned on said container, said plurality of ribs provided for facilitating selective opening of said aperture; and

at least one item of food stored within said container, said at least one item of food capable of being inserted into said container and removed therefrom through said aperture.

**4. (Previously Presented) A food dispenser comprising:**

an enclosed container comprising a top portion, a base portion and a central portion intermediately therebetween, said top portion comprising a selectively openable and returnably resilient aperture for insertion and removal of food;

said top portion comprising a perimeter encircling a concavity, said concavity housing said aperture, said perimeter comprising a relatively planar configuration for placement of said top portion in a free standing position;

a plurality of ribs positioned on said container, said plurality of ribs provided for facilitating selective opening of said aperture; and

at least one item of food stored within said container, said at least one item of food capable of being inserted into said container and removed therefrom through said aperture.

**5. (Previously Presented) A food dispenser comprising:**

an enclosed container comprising a top portion, a base portion and a central portion intermediately therebetween, said base portion comprising a selectively openable and returnably resilient aperture for insertion and removal of food;

said base portion comprising a perimeter encircling a concavity, said concavity housing a second aperture;

a plurality of ribs positioned on said container, said plurality of ribs provided for facilitating

selective opening of said aperture; and

at least one item of food stored within said container, said at least one item of food capable of being inserted into said container and removed therefrom through said aperture.

6. (Currently Amended) A food dispenser comprising:

an enclosed container comprising a top portion, a base portion and a central portion intermediately therebetween, said base portion comprising a selectively openable and returnably resilient aperture for insertion and removal of food;

said base portion comprising a perimeter encircling a concavity, said concavity housing said aperture, said perimeter comprises a relatively planar configuration for placement of said base portion in a free standing position;

a plurality of ribs positioned on said container, said plurality of ribs provided for facilitating selective opening of said aperture; and

at least one item of food stored within said container, said at least one item of food capable of being inserted into said container and removed therefrom through said aperture.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) A food dispenser comprising:

an enclosed container comprising a top portion, a base portion and a central portion  
intermediately therebetween, said top portion comprises a selectively openable and returnably resilient  
aperture for insertion and removal of food;

said central portion comprises a front wall and rear wall opposite said front wall, and opposing  
lateral sides therebetween, said central portion tapered from a wide width adjacent to said top portion  
to a narrow width adjacent to said base portion;

said lateral sides comprising plurality of ribs adjacent to said top portion, said ribs operating in  
conjunction with said top portion to selectively open said aperture; and

at least one item of food stored within said container, said at least one item of food capable of  
being inserted into said container and removed therefrom through said aperture.

9. (Previously Presented) A food dispenser comprising:

an enclosed container comprising a top portion, a base portion and a central portion  
intermediately therebetween, said base portion comprises a selectively openable and returnably resilient  
aperture for insertion and removal of food;

said central portion comprises a front wall and rear wall opposite said front wall, and opposing  
lateral sides therebetween, said central portion tapered from a wide width adjacent to said top portion  
to a narrow width adjacent to said base portion;

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said lateral sides comprising a plurality of ribs adjacent to said base portion, said ribs operating in conjunction with said base portion to selectively open said aperture; and

at least one item of food stored within said container, said at least one item of food capable of being inserted into said container and removed therefrom through said aperture.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

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16. (Previously Presented) A food dispenser comprising:

an enclosed container comprising a top portion, a base portion and a central portion  
intermediately therebetween, said top portion comprising a selectively openable and returnably resilient  
aperture for insertion and removal of food;

said top portion having a perimeter encircling a concavity housing said aperture; and

at least one item of food stored within said container, said at least one item of food capable of  
being inserted into said container and removed therefrom through said aperture.

17. (Previously Presented) A food dispenser comprising:

an enclosed container comprising a top portion, a base portion and a central portion  
intermediately therebetween, said base portion comprising a selectively openable and returnably  
resilient aperture for insertion and removal of food;

said base portion having a perimeter encircling a concavity housing said aperture; and

at least one item of food stored within said container, said at least one item of food capable of  
being inserted into said container and removed therefrom through said aperture.

18. (Previously Presented) The food dispenser as in Claim 3, 4, 8 or 16, wherein said base portion  
comprises a selectively openable and returnably resilient aperture for insertion and removal of food.

19. (Previously Presented) The food dispenser of Claim 18, wherein said base portion comprises a perimeter encircling a concavity, said concavity housing said aperture.

20. (Previously Presented) The food dispenser of Claim 19, wherein said perimeter comprises a relatively planar configuration for placement of said base portion in a free standing position.

21. (Previously Presented) The food dispenser as in Claim 3, 4, 5, 6, 16 or 17, wherein said central portion comprises a front wall and a rear wall opposite said front wall, and opposing lateral sides therebetween, said central portion tapered from a wide width adjacent to said top portion to a narrow width adjacent to said base portion.

22. (Previously Presented) The food dispenser of Claim 21, wherein said ribs are formed on said lateral sides adjacent said aperture operating in conjunction with said top portion to selectively said aperture in said top portion.

23. (Previously Presented) The food dispenser of Claim 21, wherein said ribs are formed on said lateral sides adjacent said aperture operating in conjunction with said base portion to selectively said aperture in said base portion.

24. (Previously Presented) The food dispenser of Claim 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 16 or 17, further comprising means for securing said dispenser to an object to facilitate transport of said dispenser.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Canceled)

27. (Canceled)

28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously Presented) The food dispenser of Claim 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 16 or 17, wherein said dispenser is fabricated from a relatively soft, pliable polymeric material.